

Memorandum

To: John Carlson
Executive Director
Fish and Game Commission

Date: March 20, 2007

From: **L. RYAN BRODDRICK, Director**
Department of Fish and Game

Subject: Submission of Draft Master Plan for the Implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act

Attached is the Revised Draft Master Plan for the Implementation of the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA). This document revises the earlier version to reflect the current implementation process and timeline as well as changes provided in the present MOU between the Resources Agency, Department, and Resources Legacy Fund Foundation. The revision also details research and monitoring plans for the central coast MPAs. The Department is confident this document will provide a good basis for continued implementation of the MLPA.

The Department is seeking the Commission's approval to use this revised draft as the current working version of the Master Plan to begin the north-central coast study region process. Upon adoption of central coast MPAs the Department will revise this document with the final information on those MPAs. Unless significant changes to the process are required, the Department will provide another updated version to the Commission along with our comments on the Blue Ribbon Task Force's preferred alternative for MPAs in the north-central study region.

Also attached is a tracked version which includes only the pages of the document that have changed. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. John Ugoretz, Habitat Conservation Program Manager in the Department's Marine Region, by telephone at (805) 338-3905 or by email at jugoretz@dfg.ca.gov.

Attachment(s)

cc: Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director